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OFFICE OF SECURITY DIRECTIVE NO. 80-

FOR: All Office of Security Employees

FROM: [REDACTED]
Acting Director of Security

SUBJECT: The Special Security Center and the
Compartmented Information Branch

REFERENCE: Office of Security Directive 80-03, dated
4 February 1980.

1. In July 1979, the Office of Security's Organization Review Committee conducted a study of the office structure and made a number of recommendations directed toward streamlining procedures, increasing efficiency and eliminating duplication. At that time there was a study of the Community's compartmentation systems underway but the APEX proposal of a single system of compartmentation for the Intelligence Community was as yet unresolved. The Organization Review Committee considered it premature to suggest any change related to the Office of Security's elements concerned with compartmentation, i.e. The Special Security Center and the Compartmented Information Branch.

2. The President directed the adoption of the APEX Special Access System by the Intelligence Community in January 1980. As the referenced OS Directive indicates,

the Director of Central Intelligence was appointed as the National Security Council Executive Agent to implement and operate the APEX System.

3. For some months preceding this action, the Office of Security was heavily engaged in the NFIB Study on Compartmentation and the final report of the NFIB Study Group which recommended the adoption of the APEX System and the office continues to be heavily engaged in the implementation phase.

4. It is clear that APEX is having a significant impact on several elements in the Office of Security. The Director of Security has been appointed the DCI APEX Security Officer. The DD for Community Affairs serves as the Security Advisor to the Chairman of the APEX Steering Group. The Chief SSC is the CIA APEX Security Officer and serves on many implementing panels and working groups. The CIB has been designated as the OS focal point for the development and installation of the new APEX Central Registry (4-C).

5. These taskings and assignments have major manpower implications and it is evident that there are managerial advantages to consolidation of our resources, knowledge and experience in the area of SCI under the cognizance of one security manager.

6. Toward this goal and effective immediately, the Special Security Center and the Compartmented Information Branch are transferred to the Deputy Director of Security for Community Affairs (DD/CA). Under the DD/CA the Special Security Center and its Compartmented Information Branch will retain their organizational identities. They will retain their quarters in the [redacted] Building. The DD/CA will retain his office in the Headquarters Building.

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7. In summary, the primary purpose of this organizational change is to provide centralized management of all like endeavors, with a view towards obtaining more cohesiveness, increased efficiency, and better use of resources. We look for cooperation from all Office of Security employees in effectively supporting this consolidation and the related challenges of APEX.

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